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**RE Yosemite Creek Superfund Site  
Response to General Notice Letter**

Dear Mr. Reiner:

Daniel Meer's February 21, 2008 letter to International Paper Company's Chairman and CEO, John Faraci, has been referred to me for response. Please direct future correspondence regarding International Paper's involvement at this site to me.

I am interested to know whether U.S. EPA will consider settlement discussions with potential de minimis parties. In this somewhat atypical situation where PRPs have apparently been identified solely through their involvement at another remediation site (Bay Area Drum), it seems logical that de minimis parties at that first site would also be considered de minimis for the second site. As International Paper paid a de minimis settlement to resolve its potential liability at the Bay Area Drum site, we would be interested in exploring a similar outcome for the Yosemite Creek site.

Finally, with respect to the formation of a PRP group and a PRP steering committee, it is my experience that these groups often come together with the assistance of the U.S. EPA team assigned to the particular site, either in the form of coordinating a call or sharing contact information. If you do receive information that the more significant PRPs have begun to form a group, please share that information with me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elton Parker", written in a cursive style.

Elton L. Parker